

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

Paragraphs 6 and 40 have been amended to recite the following features: a) the terminal ends of the carcass ply are axially outward and radially inward of the belt structure; b) the annular reinforcing strip layer at the edges of the belt structure layer are directly adjacent to the belt structure annular layer along the edges of the belt structure annular layer; and c) the annular reinforcing layer has terminal ends with one terminal end extending axially outward of the belt edges. All of these features are present in the original drawing, forming part of the original specification. One skilled in the art reading the original specification would have appreciated that at the time of filing the patent application, Applicant had possession of the invention as disclosed in the amended paragraphs.

Amendments to the Claims and New Claims

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to recite the following features: a) the terminal ends of the carcass ply are axially outward and radially inward of the belt structure; b) the annular reinforcing strip layer at the edges of the belt structure layer are directly adjacent to the belt structure annular layer along the edges of the belt structure annular layer; and c) the annular reinforcing layer has terminal ends with one terminal end extending axially outward of the belt edges. All of these features are present in the original drawing, forming part of the original specification. One skilled in the art reading the original specification would have appreciated that at the time of filing the patent application, Applicant had possession of the invention as now recited.

Claims 1 and 10 have also been amended to recite that the strips are comprised of cords inclined at angles of 0° to 5° relative to the centerline of the tire. Support for this is found in original claims 3 and 11, and paragraphs 7 and 46 of the original specification.

New claims 16 and 18 recite an elongation value for the cords in the annular reinforcing strip. Support for these claims is found in paragraph 46 of the specification.

New claims 17 and 19 recite the amount of axial extension past the belt edges as a percent of the width of the strip layer. Support for these claims is found in paragraph 47 of the specification.

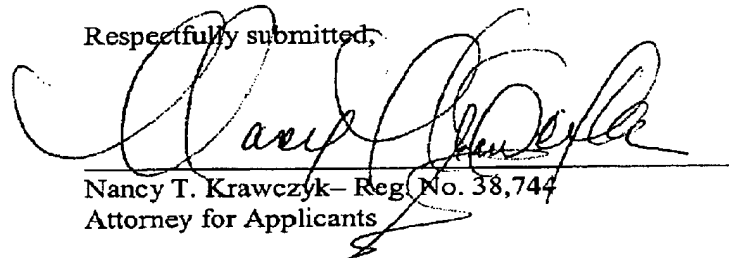
35 U.S.C. §112 and Prior Art Rejections

Though the Advisory Action of 25 April 2006 states that Applicants response of 27 March 2006 overcomes all the prior rejections set forth in the case, the Remarks regarding the 112 and Prior Art Rejections set forth in Applicants response, filed 27 March 2006, are hereby referenced and incorporated fully within this response.

Though all pending rejections have been overcome, it has been held that new issues requiring further search have been introduced into the claims, though the subject matter of claims 3 and 11 are allowable. The subject matter of claims 3 and 11 has been incorporated into the respective independent claims. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application pursuing the patentability of the claims as amended in the non-entered 27 March 2006 response.

In light of this amendment, all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application are allowable. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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